



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Williams

Application No.: 10/568,520

Filed: 2/14/2006

Title: Dry Chemical System for Extinguishing Difficult Fuel or Flammable Liquid Fires in an Industrial Tank w/ Roof Creating Space Above the Liquid(PCT50197)

Attorney Docket No.: 50262

Art Unit:
3752

Examiner:
Christopher S. Kim

5 Commissioner for Patents
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ASSOCIATED WITH RCE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

10 Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 1/12/2010, and associated with the RCE, please amend this application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as per the attached claim amendment sheets.

15 Applicant appreciates the Examiner's close attention to detail in reviewing the claims.

The claims have been amended to respond to the claim objections and to certain §112 indefiniteness rejections found in paragraph 6, pages 3 through 8, of the Office Action of 1/12/2010 (OA). The claims have also been amended for clarity and specificity and, to certain extent to conform with co-pending related CIP application SN 11/659,934. The Examiner is respectfully requested to
20 review the SN 11/659,934 RCE for relevance.

In the drawings:

Please amend the drawings to substitute the attached Replacement Sheet for sheet 3. The amended drawings correct a mistake in the formal drawings.

REMARKS

25 **Status of the Claims**

Claims 1- 30 and 32 - 35 are pending. Claims 4, 13 and 19 are withdrawn. The independent method claims are claims 1, 8 and 32. The independent apparatus or system claims are claims 5, 17 and
25.

SECTION §112 REJECTIONS

30 **Indefiniteness**

Applicant respectfully traverses the following claim rejections under §112, second paragraph.